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Applicant: RAHDM
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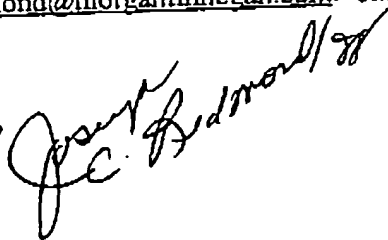
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Dear Examiner Rahim:

We attach a draft Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 for your review and comments, for purposes of scheduling an interview, in regard to the above-identified matter.

I can be reached at (202) 857-8010 or email at jredmond@morganfinnegan.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration in regard to this application.

Very truly yours,
Morgan & Finnegan, LLP
Joseph C. Redmond, Jr.



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PATENT
Docket No. 2455-4602

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. RAHIM et al.
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For: RECOGNIZING THE NUMERIC LANGUAGE IN NATURAL SPOKEN
DIALOGUE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2002 please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system, comprising:
 - a speech recognition processor that receives unconstrained input speech and outputs a string of words that can include a numeric language comprising a set of words or phrases relevant for interpreting and understanding a set of number strings; and
 - a numeric understanding processor containing classes of rules for converting the string of words into a sequence of digits.